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IN ADDITION TO ACTION ON WORLD FERTILIZER FUND (SEPTEL), APRIL 4 ECAFE PLENARY SESSION GAVE CONSENSUS APPROVAL TO FOLLOWING RESES:

(A) CHINESE AS ECAFE WORKING LANGUAGE: PRC, IN ITS MOST MODERATE SPEECH OF SESSION, PRESENTED ITEM AND WAS THEN SUPPORTED BY PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA AND IRAN. VERSION PASSED GROWS OUT OF ACTION IN 1973 PLENARY GIVING TENTATIVE APPROVAL TO USE OF CHINESE.

(B) RUSSIAN AS ECAFE WORKING LANGUAGE: BUDGETARY IMPLI-CATIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN RAISED IN WORKING GROUP AND SOVIET DEL REPLIED RESULTS WOULD CERTAINLY COST LESS THEN USE OF CHINESE. IN PLENARY, NO COMMENTS MADE AFTER SOVIET DEL INTRODUCED MEASURE AND SO CHAIR DECLARED IT PASSED. BUT THEN PRC SPOKE UP TO SAY IT DID NOT ACCEPT RESOLUTION AND WANTED IT UNDERSTOOD THAT PLENARY ACTION IN NO WAY CHANGED USSR'S
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WHICH HAS BECOME FAMILIAR ELEMENT IN THIS SESSION, SOVIET DEL REPLIED THAT PRC COMMENT CAME AFTER CHAIR CONCLUDED MEASURE ADOPTED AND, THUS, WAS NOT RELEVANT.

(C) LUMBINI MEMORIAL: NO PROBLEMS WITH RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HELP IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEPAL BIRTHPACE OF BUDDHA.

(D) ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING: RESOLUTION WAS ESSENTIALLY A HOLDING ACTION TO KEEP INSTITUTE GOING IN BANGKOK FOR NEXT 18 MONTHS PENDING ECAFE/UNDP EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF SEVERAL INSTITUTES FOUNDED BY ECAFE AND INITIALLY FINANCED BY UNDP.

(E) ASIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE: RESOLUTION APPROVED CONTINUING OPERATIONS OF THIS TOKYO-BASED AND LARGELY JAPANESE-SPONSORED ORGANIZATION.

(F) DECENTRALIZATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES: IN MAIN OPERATIVE PARA, THIS RESOLUTION RECOMMENDS THAT ECAFE BE DESIGNATED EXECUTING AGENCY FOR REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL PROJECTS IN AREA FOR WHICH UN IS NOW EXECUTING AGENT. STATED THIS SHOULD BE DONE FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS AMONG ECAFE, UN, UNDP AND UNFPA.

(G) CENTER FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT: CALLS ON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF ANOTHER RESOLUTION ON COORDINATING ALL REGIONAL INSTITUTES, TO SEEK FINANCING AND OTHER REQUIRETNTY SO THAT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION CAN BE OPENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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